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AN AIR LINE RAILROAD.

The annual report of the commission of railways states that the increase of surplus assets over the liabilities for 1909 over 1908 for the 26 land grant and bond-sold roads is \$45,230,089.

The report reviews last year's recommendation for a transcontinental air line railway from Kansas City to San Diego. Similar routes, the commissioner adds, should be opened between the cities of Chicago and San Francisco, Chicago and Seattle, and Galveston and San Diego. He says:

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JOURNAL X-RAYS.

That last dogcase doesn't cost Marion county a cent.

When the Cuban is promised his freedom, he simply asks "when?"

Gen. Brooke must be a pretty good man to be fired bodily at this juncture.

The large crowds of holiday shoppers appreciate the fine stocks and low prices offered by Salem merchants.

An Exchange says: "Why doesn't Roberts of Utah reform and become a nice, moral man like Quay?"

J. W. Smith (and 47) says he still lives, even though election is over. Yes, he lives just about as much as he ever did!

The Journal is said to be a little Boerish at times, but it never reaches so many homes every day and every week as now.

Secretary Gage says it's the improved business of the west that is making New York banks hand up. That's strange prosperity, indeed!

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BRITISH OPINION.

On the Boer Character That Is Highly Complimentary.

A Well Known English Writer, F. C. Selous On the Position in South Africa.

F. C. Selous, the well-known English writer on South African subjects, has sent two letters to the London Times one of them dated October 29, and the other written before the opening of the South African war. From these letters, as published in the Manchester Guardian of October 25, we make the following extracts.

Nothing has lately been left unsaid that could help to prejudice public opinion in this country against the Transvaal Boers, and thus assist the schemes of those who, under cover of the plea that they are only desirous of righting the wrongs of the British outlanders, really wish, at any cost, to do away the independence of the Transvaal republic, which has long been a stumbling block in the way of certain imperial schemes or dreams.

That the outlander population of Johannesburg have long suffered from many genuine grievances is, no doubt, perfectly true, but to the genuine grievances as set forth in the manifesto of the Johannesburg National union in 1895 there have lately been added others which are not genuine, for the special purpose of inflaming public opinion in this country.

For instance, Sir Sidney Shippard has told us in the current number of the Nineteenth Century, that "Britons may be robbed, beaten, imprisoned or murdered; their women may be grossly insulted, their houses may be broken into at any hour of the day or night by a ruffianly police force, who are a terror to the peaceable, and worse than useless against criminals; and if the unfortunate British householder remonstrates he may be shot dead in his own room."

This is a very strong indictment, but I do not believe it can be supported by evidence, for no one who has read the detailed evidence in the case of the man Edgar who was shot by the policeman Jones—the incident on which the greater part of this charge has been manifestly based—can possibly agree with Mr. Chamberlain that the killing of Edgar was a case of murder. Moreover, respectable Englishmen whom I know well and who have lately returned to this country from Johannesburg tell me that if this statement is meant to imply that well-behaved, law-abiding Britons live in constant fear of assault and insult at the hands of the Transvaal Boers it is not true, though it is true that there is so much ruffianism amongst certain classes of the outlander population that the police are unable to cope with it.

The greater part of the personal charges made against the Transvaal Boers has, I believe, but small foundation, since, taken as a whole, they are an eminently quiet, sober and self-contained people, but little given to bragging or bragging. I have some right to speak on such a matter, as I first went to South Africa in 1871, and in the following year came in contact with the Transvaal Boers. I soon learnt to speak their language, and during more than 20 years have had a great deal to do with them and still have many friends amongst them; but in all my long intercourse with these people, whether as casual acquaintances, friends of the family or total strangers, I have never met with anything but hospitality and kindness, and naturally at the present moment, when I firmly believe that there is a design in certain quarters to force a war upon them which it will be made to appear that they have forced upon us, I feel a great deal of sympathy for them.

Mr. Rider Haggard has told us that he found it impossible to go on living in the Transvaal amid the daily insults of victorious Boers, and he also tells us that Boers look upon Englishmen with contempt and consider them to be morally and physically cowards. I traveled slowly through the Transvaal by bullock wagon shortly after the retrocession of the country in 1881, and visited all the farm houses on my route. I met with no insults nor the least incivility anywhere, nor ever heard any boasting about the Boer successes over our troops, though at that time I understood and spoke the "Taal" well. In common with all who really know the Boers, who have lived amongst them and not studied their character at second hand, I have always been struck by their moderation in speaking of their victories over our soldiers.

As for the Boers having a contempt for Englishmen as individuals, that is nonsense. They hate the British government, and, knowing their history, I for one think that they have a strong reason for doing so, but the individual Englishman that they know they take at his real value. These are, of course, unfortunately, certain Englishmen in Johannesburg, or people who are now put down as Englishmen, who could not but appear as contemptible to a Boer as they would do to most people in this country. But, on the other hand, I could name many Englishmen and Scotchmen, men who have been honest and upright and fearless in all their dealings with their neighbors, who have been held in immense respect by all the Boers of their acquaintance. These men, however, lived amongst the Boers, spoke their language, and took a sympathetic interest in their lives, whilst one of the troubles of the present situation in the Transvaal is that the outlander population of Johannesburg is in its sympathies, its mode of life and all its hopes and aspirations as wide as the poles asunder from the pastoral Boers, with whom it never mixes, and

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whom it, therefore, does not understand.

To judge from what has lately been written on the present crisis by Mr. Rider Haggard, Sir Sidney Shippard and that eminent divine Canon Knox Little—who, although he knows no more about the Transvaal Boers than could be learnt from the windows of a railway carriage and a few hours' coaching, has satisfied himself that they are a very vile people—all the troubles in South Africa date from the retrocession of the Transvaal to the Boers in 1881.

These historians seem to forget that South African history dates back to a somewhat earlier period. They forget the story of how in 1836 the fathers and grand-fathers of the Boers now living in the Transvaal abandoned their farms in the Cape Colony, and with their wives and families trekked away into the wilderness, because of the unjust treatment that they thought had been meted out to them by the British government, and how, after many vicissitudes, the independence of those of them who had settled beyond the Vaal river was guaranteed to them by the Sand river convention, which was signed in 1852; and how 25 years later their independence was taken away from them unjustly in 1877. I can testify from my own knowledge that just previous to 1877 there was no ill-feeling whatever between the British and the Dutch in any part of South Africa, and I have no hesitation in saying that the bitterness which at present unhappily exists between the two races had its origin in recent times, not in the retrocession of the Transvaal, but in the unjust and inhuman annexation of that country which precedes all the lamentable events which in 1881 led to its retrocession.

Of course, if all arbitration or discussion of the points disputed should be arbitrarily refused by the colonial secretary it is difficult to see how war can be avoided, for the Transvaal Boers are an obstinate people, and will probably rather fight than climb down very low. In that case we shall have entered upon a course which, though it may give us the gold fields of the Transvaal for the present and the immediate future, will infallibly lose us the whole of South Africa as a British possession within the lifetime of many men who are now living. Through arrogance and ignorance Great Britain lost her American colonies, and if arrogance and ignorance prevail in the present conduct of affairs in South Africa history will repeat itself in that country.

FROM LETTER DATED OCT. 20.

I still consider that a war ought to have been avoided and would have been avoided had the negotiations between the British and Transvaal governments been in the hands of a liberal-minded and far-seeing British statesman thoroughly conversant with the divergent interests of the different sections of the South African populations and aware of the momentous consequences in the future—a distant future, perhaps—of a war between the British and Dutch Afri-

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rikander races. Knowing the Cape Dutch as I do, I think that the hope of a permanent settlement in South Africa as the result of this war is purely chimerical. For the time being the Dutch Afrikaner population of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State will be crushed, no doubt; but the history of Switzerland, of Scotland, and of the United States of America points to the difficulty of permanently crushing a North European people, and so the likelihood of our having to face another "war of independence" in South Africa in 20, 30 or perhaps 50 years' time which it may be impossible to bring to a successful issue.

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